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Robert Geddes
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Dear Mr. Geddes:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 22, 1988 requesting the opportunity to comment on the drafting of the site inspection report being prepared for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by our contractor Ecology and Environment Inc. (E&E).

Please be advised that draft reports are considered predecisional documents by EPA and as such are not required to be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Monsanto will be provided with a copy of all quality assured data and the final interpretive report. EPA anticipates a final report will be available in late March.

EPA welcomes your comments on the completed site inspection report. If information of a factual nature is deemed upon further review to be erroneous, EPA will direct E&E to effect the required changes. EPA understands that a report which is accurate and reflective of the conditions at the Monsanto Soda Springs facility is in the best interests of all parties involved.

I remain available to address any further inquiries relative to this investigation. I may be reached at (206) 442-7215.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

cc Richard Mednick, EPA Office of Regional Counsel
George Brooks, Ecology and Environment

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